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A look at some of the world's most beautiful libraries

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Strahovská Knihovna, Prague, Czech Republic.

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Could there be a better time to publish a book celebrating some of the most glorious libraries in the world?

Amid recent social media tributes to the value of libraries — in response to a Forbes article that proposed replacing public libraries in the United States with Amazon bookstores — Taschen happens to be releasing “The World’s Most Beautiful Libraries.”

The book is a ravishing \$200 collection of large-scale images by Italian photographer Massimo Listri. Its 560 pages feature libraries that date back centuries, each an architectural wonder and bastion of

knowledge that honor learning.

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